

MAN WHO HAD THE HABIT

Abilities of an Experienced Toastmaster Displayed at the Family Table.

The man who always acts as toastmaster was seated at dinner with his immediate family.

"Papa," began five-year-old Willie, "may I have—"

"Hush, Willie," corrected mamma. "Papa hasn't introduced you yet. Now, papa."

The man who had the toastmaster habit here clinked his tumbler with a fork and arose at his place.

"Some five years ago," he said, in his best banquet manner, "an interesting event occurred in this house. It was prefaced by considerable excitement and not a little anxiety. When the worst was over, my good friend, Doctor Soakum, administered a brisk but good-humored spanking to a very red atom of humanity, and a voice now to these premises was heard in shrill pipings."

"This voice has since grown in strength and range as its owner has developed in stature, and it affords me great pleasure to say that it has made this house cheerier and happier by its varied tones. The atom of humanity has expanded and thrived, and we have it with us tonight. Again I say that it is with great pleasure that I introduce my son, Willie. Now, Willie, what was it you were about to remark?"

"Papa," said Willie, "may I have another piece of steak?"

"No, my boy," said the man who had the toastmaster habit, "but you may have another baked potato."

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"I got in wrong terribly today. I walked right by a cousin of my wife's and didn't recognize her."
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"About a year."
"Quit worrying, my boy. You'll get used to that. I've been married ten years and don't know all my wife's cousins now."

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Sure.

"Do you think we need a new national anthem?" "What's the matter with the old one?" "Nobody seems to remember the words. Now, if we had a song all the vaudeville artists would sing, we couldn't help learning it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

AND THE CONGRESSMAN SAW

Really Nothing Remarkable in Story of Man Who Sold Horse at So Much a Foot.

Two or three newspaper men and a congressman in Washington, who was a merchant in private life, were swapping yarns.

"I remember on one occasion," said the congressman, "having in stock a big lot of dry-goods remnants that seemed to stick right by me in spite of all I could do to get rid of them. At last I advertised to sell them at so much a pound, and the curiosity of people to see if they could get more at pound rates for their money than they could get at yard rates soon cleared out the stock. At another time I sold a lot of side meat at so much a square foot, taking the run of the side, and the customers who got bargains in the thick of the meat encouraged others who had the luck to get theirs out of the thin, so I evened up very nicely."

"That reminds me," remarked one of the correspondents, "of a horse I sold once at so much a foot."

"How was that?" inquired the congressman, somewhat puzzled. "How did you make your measurements? I can understand how you might sell him at so much a hand, and coming out pretty well on it if he was a big fellow, sixteen or seventeen hands high, but I don't see how you got at him by the foot."

"That was easy enough. I simply sold him at so much a foot—\$37.50."

"How much did you get for him?" and the congressman got out his pencil.

"A hundred and fifty dollars."

The congressman figured for about a sixteenth of a minute.

"I see," he said.

ANCIENTS DID GOOD WORK

Engineering Feat, It Is Said, Could Hardly Be Improved Upon in the Present Day.

Montezuma's well, a natural lake fed by artesian flow at Camp Verde, Ariz., which has been offered for sale to the federal government, is one of the geological features of that neighborhood. Surrounded, as it is, by high natural walls, it seems from a distance to be a small mountain. The outside of these walls was pierced in a prehistoric age by cliff dwellers. The well is a great spring and has been used for irrigation purposes for many years. Its depth has never been absolutely ascertained, but is known to be in excess of 500 feet. The water is highly charged with lime, and moss removed from the inside walls and exposed to the air soon petrifies, the fibers being clearly discernible in the composition. That the "well" supplied the original, and now unknown, inhabitants of the valley with water for their fields and gardens is established by the tracing of a system of irrigation ditches, which, according to geologists, must have been constructed more than a thousand years ago. The water they carried deposited lime along the entire system, and the formation, which may be seen now, is a solid mass of stone, resembling concrete of this day. The walls of the ditches, in places, measure more than three feet thick. The builders performed an engineering feat which could not be improved upon in this modern day.

Still Had Them.
What is known in a certain town as "A Shop Carnival" was being held, and little girls represented the various shops. One, dressed in a white muslin frock gayly strung with garlands of bonbons, advertised the local candy store.

When the festival began she fairly glistened with attractive confectionery, but as time wore on her decorations grew less. Finally, at the end of the last act, not a bonbon was to be seen.

"Why, Dora," cried the stage manager, "where in the world are all your decorations? Have you lost them?"

"Oh, no," replied Dora; "they're perfectly safe. I'm wearing them inside."

Well Pitched.
"Sandy" Macleod and his donkey were well known in the country which gave them birth, and the two were on very friendly terms. "Sandy" would not have exchanged his "buddy" for the best thoroughbred in the land.

Going out for a ride one day recently, he resolved to make his "moke" jump a stream. He applied the whip and the animal galloped to the edge of the bank, and then stopped so suddenly that "Sandy" was thrown to the other side of the water.

When he had sufficiently recovered from the shock he rose and looked the donkey in the face.

"Verra weel pitched," he said, "but how are ye gawn tae get over yersel'?"

Awaited Him.
When a member of the British parliament desires a book that is not in the library, he files his application for the volume, which the librarian reserves for him on its return, notifying him that the book awaits his pleasure.

Now it happened that one of the members applied for, but could not get at the time, a copy of a novel entitled "The Girl He Left Behind Him." In course of time a postcard arrived from the library, and as the member's wife is of a suspicious nature that postcard caused trouble, for it read: "Mr. T.—Is informed that 'The Girl He Left Behind Him' is now in the library, and will be kept for him till next Tuesday morning."

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